



## EGG POLICY

### Small-scale producers (150 birds or fewer)

Act 245 signed by the governor in April 2014 reduces the licensing burden on small-scale egg producers so they can sell eggs more easily in the marketplace. The act exempts small-scale egg producers who sell eggs directly from the farm to consumers, at farmers' markets, and on egg sales routes, from having to acquire a food processing plant license for egg collection, cleaning, and packing activities.

Even though the new law allows small-scale producers to package eggs without a food processing plant license and sell them at their farm, they **still are required to have a transient retail food establishment license to sell their eggs at farmers' markets and on egg sales routes.**

Contact licensing consultants to obtain a [transient retail license application](https://form.jotform.com/211605752728053) at <https://form.jotform.com/211605752728053>

In addition, they must still meet some basic food safety requirements as follows:

- Eggs must be sold directly to the consumer, not to a wholesaler or distributor.
- Eggs must be packaged in a carton that is labeled with:
  - Producer's name and address
  - Date the eggs were packed into the carton
  - Sell-by date within 30 days including day of pack
  - Statement indicating that the eggs in the package are ungraded and uninspected.
  - "Keep Refrigerated" Statement
  - Safe Handling instructions: To prevent illness from bacteria: keep eggs refrigerated, cook eggs until yolks are firm, and cook foods containing eggs thoroughly.
- Foods for display (not for sale) must be labeled "display only".
- Packaged eggs must be kept at an ambient temperature no higher than 41°F at all times. Canopies will assist protecting from
- Registration is required for egg producers who are exempt from food processing requirements because they collect, package, and store nest-run eggs from a flock of laying birds owned by the producer. There is no charge for registering. Registration is a useful tool to the department in the event of an animal disease outbreak that requires food safety personnel to contact egg producers. Use the Nest-Run Egg Producer and Seller Registration form to complete the registration process.